



comment on proposed changes to rules

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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to provide comment on the proposed changes to the Maine Bar Rules and Maine Rules of Professional Conduct to address the issue of harassment. I am providing these comments as an individual attorney, not on behalf of my firm or any other organization.

I agree that harassment is an important issue to address and I definitely think it should be considered misconduct under the Bar Rules. However, I disagree with adding an extra, required CLE credit on this topic. It can be difficult to find the time and spend the money to satisfy the current requirements, and I do not think anything should be added to that burden. This could be especially stressful for solo practitioners and attorneys who are constantly in court, such as criminal defense attorneys. I do think it is important to address harassment in our legal education, but I believe that can be done without adding an extra credit and/or independent requirement. This could be accomplished by adding the topic of harassment to the ethics presentations offered at existing CLEs. That way the topic is covered without requiring attorneys to spend extra money or commit to extra time away from their practices.

Sincerely,

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